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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH PLO

1. DURING COURSE MARCH 29 TIME-LIFE RECEPTION FOR VISITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, PAO RUGH AND POLOFF AUSTRIAN HAD VERY BRIEF INADVERTENT CONTACT WITH PLO OFFICIALS INVITED TO PARTY BY TIME'S RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO. PAO WAS INTRODUCED TO DEPUTY HEAD PLO POLITICAL COMMITTEE SAYID KAMAL (WHOM HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SEEN) BY AHRAH'S MUHAMMAD SID AHMAD. NO SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE TRANSPIRED AND PAO BROKE OFF CONTACT WHEN HE REALIZED WITH WHOM HE WAS SPEAKING.

2. POLOFF WAS STEERED TO SAYID KAMAL AND EXCOMM MEMBER DAJANI BY AHRAH'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT HAMDI FOUAD, WHO WANTED INTRODUCE TWO "BEST FRIENDS." POLOFF LIMITED REMARKS TO SOCIAL NECESSITIES AND ENCOUNTER ENTIRELY NON-SUBSTANTIVE, ALTHOUGH FOUAD AND KAMAL ENGAGED IN SOME BANTER ON LATTER'S STATUS AT ARAB LEAGUE SESSION.

3. FOREGOING REPORTED PRIMARILY BECAUSE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE AT RECEPTION WHICH ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBER RESIDENT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WHO NOTED CONVERSATIONS AND MIGHT POSSIBLY REPORT THEM. EMBOFFS WELL AWARE
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USG POLICY ON CONTACT WITH PLO OFFICIALS AND DID NOT INITIATE CONVERSATIONS, NOR ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE WITH PLO OFFICIALS. EILTS

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